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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Executive Council Meeting on 15 April 1975

Mr. Proctor chaired. [] substituted.

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2. Mr. Proctor said there was some difficulty locating North Vietnamese units moving south and asked CGAS to look into what can be done to develop more direction-finding capability.

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4. Mr. Proctor reported on the Senate investigation. Committee staffers are being briefed this morning on the intelligence community, having signed secrecy agreements yesterday. The Committee has asked for all volumes of Studies in Intelligence and for about 50 separate Agency history papers. The Associate Deputy Directors are looking into the problems involved in releasing these materials.

5. Mr. Proctor wants all production offices to make sure Mr. Thuermer receives 2 copies of all unclassified publications except for certain serial publications. [] will advise office production staffs of documents to be excepted.

6. Mr. Proctor announced that the omnibus NSCID has been sent back to the drawing board by Deputy Secretary Clements who found the DoD provisions unacceptable.

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25X1 7. Mr. Cherne of PFIAB has reported to the Director on his visit to several missions in Europe. He found that there is little understanding of the nature of economic intelligence. On the strength of this report, Mr. Colby has asked for a FOCUS B study on economic reporting [redacted] Mr. Cherne also found that the Economic Alert List was seldom used and there was some criticism of it. Mr. Proctor asked Mr. Petrasek to expedite the study now underway on the List.

8. Mr. Proctor commented that he would be talking to the Rockefeller Commission on Thursday concerning the need for DDO reporting, the role of intelligence in an era of detente, and whether finished intelligence reports need to be classified.

9. Mr. Eisenbeiss reported on the SAFE pilot expansion program. The plan is to provide each office and staff with at least one terminal and to designate in each of the production offices two pilot branches, with a possible third in OSR. Mr. Eisenbeiss said that this expansion represents a conscious decision to forego greater storage capacity in favor of broader participation. Mr. Proctor noted this approach is designed to acquire broader experience that will be helpful in the design of the overall SAFE system. Mr. Lehman suggested that the Executive Council should devote one of its Friday discussions to SAFE.

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